

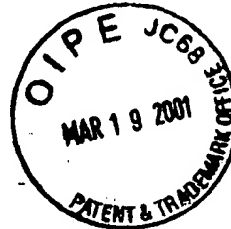


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

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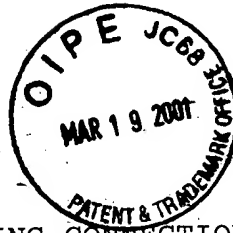
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Applicants: EBNER et al

Serial No.: 09/729,924

Filing Date: December 6, 2000

For: STERILITY-MAINTAINING CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR  
MEDICAL SYSTEMS AND USE THEREOF



RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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Attention: APPLICATION BRANCH  
MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

With respect to the above-identified patent application, the following are filed herewith in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), mailed January 17, 2001, copy attached.

- ☒ Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63.
- ☒ Certified copy of German (DE) Application No. 199 60 226.3, filed December 14, 1999, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ Assignment Document and cover letter, with \$40.00 fee for recordation of Assignment.
- ☒ If a Petition for Extension of time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge and fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a) - (d) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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X Filing Fee, calculated as follows:

	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Large Entity</u>	
Basic Filing Fee	\$355.00	\$710.00	710.00
Total Claims <u>19</u> - 20 = 0	(x \$9) =	(x \$18) =	.00
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<u>X</u> Surcharge: Late Filing	+ \$65	+ \$130	130.00
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			<b>TOTAL FILING FEES \$ 840.00</b>

Check No. 52062, in the amount of \$880.00, is enclosed to cover the filing fee, late filing surcharge and fee for recordation of Assignment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit any fees set forth in §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 06-1358 as needed in order to effect proper filing of the application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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